

Howard County Energy Task Force

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Howard Building: Columbia and Ellicott City Rooms

Attendance: (taken by Rizwan)

Task Force Members		Present
Kenneth	Boras	X
Randy	Clayton	X
Richard	Deutschman	
Steve	Estomin	X
Karen	Galindo-White	X
Abdul	Majid	X
Bob	Marietta	X
I. Katherine	McGruder	X
Allan	Moss	
Daryl	Paunil	X
Janice	Romanosky	X
Jeremy	Scharfenberg	X
Rizwan	Siddiqi	X
Gary	Skulnik	
R. Daniel	Wallace	
Orien	Dalton	X
Ed	Wilson	
Guests		
Phil	Nichols	
Laura A.T.	Miller	X

Introduction:

Rizwan – Requested a volunteer to take minutes. Jeremy Scharfenberg agreed and took notes.

Discussion on Basecamp functionality. Working to resolve a couple lingering email/access issues with the platform.

Rizwan - Participation status of other Task Force members and scheduling. Should we move the date? General consensus is to keep the existing date. May explore teleconference option to enable participate. Laura will look into teleconference arrangement for future meetings.

Laura – update on the Climate Action Plan presentation to the Council on Jan 11, 2016. Provided them with the latest information regarding greenhouse gas emissions from- 2007 as compared to 2012.. Council was curious about goal planning and how the County will achieve its emission reduction objectives. Fleet is a source for improvement and a more formal plan is needed for renewables.

Rizwan – BGE follow-up needed? Group indicated that no follow-up was needed.

Karen – Presentation on street lighting. Improvements in LEDs make them a viable replacement for existing high pressure sodium and metal halide. There are three types of ownership structures for street lights – 1) Property owner owns them and maintains them; 2) Property owner owns them and BGE maintains them; and 3) BGE owns them and maintains them. There is beginning to be some movement to allow a conversion to LED through a request by the property owner. Howard County has 7,500 heads that are under BGE control and they are considering options for upgrading these fixtures.

Subcommittee discussion – review of draft subcommittee assignments and original meeting brainstorming items. Framing the objectives of each subcommittee to take into account internal and external aspects.

Goals of the subcommittee – economic sustainability, cost savings, short-mid-long term goals are cross-cutting across all of the subcommittees. Rizwan suggested a preliminary report by each subcommittee by June 2016 and final by September 2016, so that the Task Force can consolidate all reports and develop a draft Task Force report by Oct 2016 and then final by November 2016 followed by presentation to County Executive in December 2016.

Develop a matrix on how to measure impacts of recommendations – policies and programs.

Transportation aspects? How to address this important aspect of “energy” in Howard County. Can we leverage Howard County transportation staff? Chair and Co-Chair will engage the Administration on this aspect- [to determine how best to address and how to prioritize this area of focus within the Task Force.](#)

Aligning Task Force goals with other Howard County environmental goals, specifically the Climate Action Plan. The CAP will be made available for review via the Basecamp.

Rizwan/Laura - Initial distribution of brainstorming concepts across the subcommittees was presented to the group. Updates made to the subcommittee document by Laura in discussion with the group.

Speaker recommendation for March, Janice has a suggested person Stuart Kaplow, who is a green energy attorney and can talk about renewable energy as well as PACE.

April speaker can be someone suggested by Ed about solar scanning using drive-by or fly-over Infrared scanning techniques.

We also need to identify one speaker about solar energy.

PACE breakfast this coming Thursday from 8-10am at Clydes. Sponsored by the MSBA.

Follow-Up:

Chair and Co-Chair will engage the Administration on fleet/transportation aspects.

Sub Chairpersons of each committee will evaluate the brainstorming list and determine how to best integrate into their focus area and will discuss further at the March meeting.

Sub Chairpersons will set up meeting/call with the subcommittee during the next month to prepare for the March meeting.

Sub Chairpersons to report back their progress on monthly Task Force meetings.